trol) Order, 1907, the copies of which were laid on the floor of the House. The order was promulgated after vetting by the Ministry of Law.

(b) The amount was spent in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987.

Confirmation of AEES in DOT

3477. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 temporary post of Assistant Executive Engineers (Civil) in DOT have been made permanent during the years 1979-81;

(b) whether all the officers eligible for confirmation against these posts have been confirmed so far; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay and the probable date by which the confirmation shall be done?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Not so far.

(c) The completion of all prescribed procedural formalities took sometime and now the case is being finalised shortly.

Setting up of carbon fibre manufacturing plant

3478. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation Ltd. has a proposal to set up a Carbon fibre manufacturing plant in collaboration with a UK-based plastic Company; and

(b) what are the details thereof indicating the name of the UK based plastic company and the site selected for the purpose and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) propose to set up the Research and Development Pilot Plant and Associated Product Applications Development facilities for Carbon Fibre based on know-how from M|s R. K. Textiles & Composite Fibres Ltd., UK at its Baroda Complex at an estimated cost of Rs. 31 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 13.23 crores.

Retrenchment in NPCC

3479. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while on the one hand over a thousand workers have been declared surplus in NPCC and retrenchment orders of about 500 workers have been issued, on the other hand recruitment to accepted the offer have been absorbed various categories of staff is also taking place there; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the number of persons who have since been retrenched| declared surplus and the manner in which they are proposed to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Owing to closure/tapering of various works and after taking into consideration its manpower requirements, about 1050 workmen are estimated to be surplus by the NPCC. The NPCC offered alternate employment in the security discipline to 570 workers. About 70 workmen who accepted the offer have been absorbed in the Corporation. The remaining 500 workmen have been retrenched after payment of their arrears of pay, retrenchment compensation, gratuity,

bonus etc. payable under the rules. No recruitment has been made by NPCC to those categories of staff in which retrenchment has taken place.

Contracts awarded by NPCC

3480. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPCC, a public Sector Corporation under the Ministry of Energy has turned into a brokerage agency in deviation of the objectives as a premier construction corporation and that big Government contracts are given to the private contractors on a commission basis;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many contracts (with names of the projects) given to the NPCC have been awarded by the NPCC to private contractors on commission basis stating the cost of the project involved and the commission earned by NPCC in each case; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government with regard to its transformation into a brokerage agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No works are being allotted by NPCC to the private contractors on commission basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Formulations based on Thiamine Mononitrate

3481. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3167 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of finished medicines based on Thiamine Mononitrate and Thiamine Hcl have gone up substantially;

(b) what was the earlier price before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price and what is the percentage increase in each case;

(c) what is the justification for the formulators to increase the prices of finished medicines when the prices of bulk Thiamine Mononitrate and Thiamine Hcl have not been increased;

(d) what is the reason given in the break-up by these formulators to his Ministry before increasing the prices; and..

(e) what are the brand names of three major selling medicines based on single ingredient as well as combination of each of these drugs alongwith the annual turn-over during 1986 as per ORG?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The required details to the extent available, are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Company	Pack size	Earlier price (Rs)	Revised price (Rs.)	% age change
1.	Berin Tablets	Glindia	500's	155.67	211 97	36 20
2	Berin Inj. 100mg.	Do.	5x10ml	6.07	9 49	56 30